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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PAKISTAN AND COP15 MEETING

11. LEAD STORIES: Several Friday morning papers front-paged the announcement by Secretary of State Clinton in Copenhagen on Thursday that Washington is prepared to join other developed nations in establishing a fund by 2020 to raise \$100 billion annually to help developing countries cope with global warming.

12. "Pakistani President's Grip on Power to Decline" On the Pakistani Supreme Court's ruling on Thursday striking down the national reconciliation ordinance (NRO), which was issued by the then Musharraf administration in order to grant amnesty to [President] Zardari and others, the liberal Tokyo Shimbun wrote (12/18): "The decision making the prosecution of President Zardari and his key cabinet ministers possible has dealt a severe blow to Zardari. His grip on power is bound to decline. This will probably have adverse effects on the Obama administration's new Afghan strategy."

13. "Developing Countries Maintain Hard Line to Obtain Assistance" On the ongoing COP15 meeting, the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri stated from Copenhagen (12/18): "With a decision not to submit a new proposal on a political agreement, the proposal put forward by the chairman of the special working group has been revived. As the proposal calls for an extension of the Kyoto Protocol that only obligates developed countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, this shows that developing nations' position calling for an extension of the current protocol appears to be prevailing. Developing countries are attaching importance to the Kyoto agreement, given that they view it as a 'legal document' that requires developed countries to pledge financial support."

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